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## State Standards Laboratory Recognized by National Institute of Standards and Technology

**STATEWIDE, ARK.** – The Arkansas Agriculture Department’s State Standards Laboratory, part of the Weights and Measures division of the Arkansas Bureau of Standards, has been granted a two-year Certificate of Measurement Traceability from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for the second time. Certificates of Metrological Traceability are normally issued by NIST for a period of one year upon evaluation of a laboratory's ability to make reliable metrological measurements used in commercial transactions. NIST auditors have the discretion to grant two-year certificates if the program excels in proficiency.

“We are pleased to have earned our second, two-year Certificate of Measurement Traceability, a global accreditation, from the National Institute of Standards and Technology”, says Metrology Manager Nikhil Soman. “This certification ensures Arkansans that the processes in use by the Arkansas State Standards Laboratory for measurement standards are accurate and of the highest quality. Our laboratory is committed to protecting Arkansas consumers and equipping our industry users with the most precise tools and measurement capabilities.”

A NIST Certificate is required of state laboratories by the registered scale and meter companies that provide routine testing for accuracy of scales, gas meters and pumps in all locations of sale and commerce. In Arkansas, these registered companies are granted certificates for operation by the Bureau of Standards’ Weights and Measures division once the measurements of their calibration equipment are compared against the State Standards at the Arkansas State Standards Laboratory. Bureau of Standards’ inspectors conduct unannounced inspections in the marketplace to further ensure State Standards are being met.

The Bureau of Standards is a division of the Arkansas Agriculture Department’s State Plant Board. Learn more about all consumer protection services provided by the Bureau of Standards, [here](#), and submit a consumer complaint to the Bureau of Standards by online form, [here](#). More information about services offered by the State Standards Laboratory can be found, [here](#).

The AAD is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation. Visit [www.aad.arkansas.gov](http://www.aad.arkansas.gov).

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